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LIQUID FUN — Roger De Gregori, 2, doesn't mind the hot weather a bit as he sits in a plastic wastebasket full of water and turns a garden hose on himself. Roger is the son of University of Houston professor and Mrs. Thomas De Gregori of Houston, and was caught keeping cool at his grandmother's house in Austin. (AP Wirephoto)

# Senate Okays Education Bill

## President Nixon May Use Veto Powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate unanimously passed a $4.4-billion education appropriations bill Tuesday and sent it to President Nixon, who considers it too expensive.

Along with it went a suggestion to the White House from Sen. Norris Cotton, R-N.H.: Choose something else to veto.

A roll call vote of 88 to 0 completed congressional action on the bill which boosts the Nixon budget by $453 million.

Another appropriations dispute between the Republican administration and the Democratic Congress seemed close behind, as House-Senate negotiators agreed to a $641 million budget increase in an $18 billion bill providing funds for housing, urban renewal and an assortment of other agencies.

That bill, totaling just over $18 billion, may come up in the House Wednesday or Thursday.

Nixon on July 18 cited the education money bill as an example of "a persistent and growing tendency on Capitol Hill to approve increases in expenditures without providing the revenue to pay the costs."

But Cotton told the Senate "I hope and believe that the President will not veto this ...

"I just think that ... he will not choose the educational funds for veto when these other appropriations are coming on its heels for much less important purposes," he said.

Cotton said the housing and independent offices measure is in the latter category.

"That four-letter word 'veto' keeps creeping in again and again," said Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash. "Let me say that Congress wants this appropriation bill signed into public law."

Magnuson said that when the session is over and the cuts and increases are balanced, "I think the President will find Congress has reduced his budget and not increased it."

Despite the Nixon complaint about the education bill, there was no attempt on the Senate floor to block the appropriation.

The appropriations bill includes House provisions designed to bar the use of federal funds to force school closing, the busing of students, or pupil transfer over parental protest.

The administration said these provisions would not impede school desegregation efforts.

## Haze Covers Cities In Seven States

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cities from New York to Atlanta were shrouded in an annoying haze Tuesday as the Eastern Seaboard experienced one of its more visible, but not yet dangerous, siege of air pollution.

The Weather Bureau at mid-afternoon said atmospheric conditions in a seven-state area bounded by Philadelphia, Atlanta and Chattanooga could cause potentially serious air pollution problems.

But only Philadphia had contamination levels approaching the point for emergency restrictions on autos, electric power plants, and factories.

The cause was a stable high pressure mass extending from the Gulf of Mexico to New England. Little general relief was predicted before Thursday from high temperatures, oppressive humidity, and the haze.

A virtual calm plus varying degrees of atmospheric inversion prevented the usual mixing and cleansing of air, said Darryl Tyler, chief of the emergency operation center of the National Air Pollution Control Administration.

"Because of the water vapor, it appears worse than it is," said Tyler. "It is not of the magnitude we would consider a severe air pollution episode."

The seven states included in the national alert were Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

CALLED AMORPHOUS LUMP

# Panel Recommends Pentagon Overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential Blue Ribbon Defense Panel recommended Tuesday drastic overhaul of the Pentagon's leadership structure aimed at strengthening civilian control, promoting efficiency and ending serious cost overruns in buying weapons.

Panel chairman Gilbert Fitzhugh, summing up the findings of a year-long study, described the Defense Department as "just an amorphous lump with nobody in charge of anything."

One of the group's main proposals—bound to kindle controversy—calls for stripping the Joint Chiefs of Staff of their military operational functions and creating a separate operations staff under a single, high-ranking officer.

The military chiefs would be left with their roles as strategic planners and, as uniformed heads of their services, their authority to recruit, train and equip their forces.

Fitzhugh, board chairman of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York, acknowledged that the chiefs are "less than enthusiastic" about the panel's reorganization ideas.

Two of the 14 panel members dissented. Wilfred J. McNeil, for 10 years Defense Department comptroller and now director of Fairchild-Hiller Corp., contended that instead of decentralizing decision-making authority its recommendations on organization should "go in the other direction."

Urging the most far-reaching Pentagon reorganization in nearly 10 years, the panel would establish three powerful civilian deputy defense secretaries to supervise (a) all military operations and a centralized intelligence setup, (b) all research, procurement, bases and manpower, and (c) all weapons and equipment tests and evaluation.

An independent Defense Test Agency would be founded to oversee such work throughout the military establishment in an effort to prevent overlapping and avoid developing poor-quality weapons.

Cranked into the military chain would be three new major multiservice commands to control (a) the nation's strategic land-based and submarine-based missiles, bombers and air-missile defenses, (b) land-sea-air conventional forces, (c) supply distribution, maintenance and other logistics.

While setting up the new unified commands, which would be directly responsible to the proposed operations staff, the panel would, in effect, downgrade some of the present major commands such as the Strategic Air Command, the European Command, and the Pacific Command.

Along with this, the panel suggested abolishing the Alaskan Command, and the Southern Command in the Caribbean, while merging the Atlantic Command and the Strike Command, a creation of former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

The 237-page report contained 113 recommendations. Other key suggestions are aimed at:

—Improving curbs on conflict of interest, and excess profits to "solve the military-industrial complex, without killing the industrial base that's necessary," as Fitzhugh put it.

—Trimming possibly 10,000 people out of what the group said "too many lawyers of both military and civilian staffs", at headquarters and in the field, resulting in "excessive paperwork ... delay, duplication and unnecessary expense."

—Assuring compliance with racial nondiscriminatory directives. Fitzhugh said the Armed Services "have great policies of equal employment opportunity, but the implementation leaves considerable to be desired."

# Arkansas Directors Approve Model Cities Evaluation Plan

By BARRY POWELL
Staff Writer

Texarkana, Ark., board of directors voted unanimously Tuesday to contract for evaluation of the Model Cities Program in Texarkana, Ark., and to extend several projects and contracts beyond the July 31 Department of Housing and Urban Development deadline.

Ron Copeland Arkansas-side fiscal planner said the evaluation project contract has been approved "not to exceed $5,000," to Mott of Washington and Associates.

City Attorney and acting city manager Willis B. Smith Jr. said six proposals for the evaluation had been received and two were offered to the board of directors for final approval.

Smith said the Mott proposal listed a 90-day completion date, with a minimum of 30 days spent in Texarkana, Ark.

He said the other proposal forwarded by Model Cities listed a 60-day completion date with 18 days to be spent in Texarkana.

Copeland said a Model Cities spokesman had said the Mott plan was favored because "you can expect to get more from a man who'll spend two to three times more time in the town."

Copeland also said the president of the firm had promised to come to Texarkana and work on the evaluation project himself.

The board also voted unanimously to extend a total of nine projects and 12 contracts currently in operation from the July 31 deadline until Sept. 30, or "until such time the funds are expended."

Copeland said the extension would not affect "services or people," but would "cut it down to the point we planned for in the original budget."

Copeland said the extension would save more $138,000 in Model Cities funds that would be lost if the contracts and projects were allowed to expire July 31.

The funds which will carry over from the completion of the project, Copeland said, will be put in the street surfacing program.

Copeland explained the carry-over in model cities funds as money planned for use in the programs, but which had not and would not be required for

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STADIUM BIDS REVIEWED

# Teacher Political Work Plea Returned for Study

By LARRY POWELL
Staff Writer

The Arkansas School Board Tuesday night sent a proposal to allow professional personnel in the system to participate in political campaigns back to the Classroom Teachers Association for "refining and discussion."

In a unanimous decision, the school board approved a motion by Mrs. Vera Kilpatrick, school board member who chairs the Joint Committee on Professional Communications, that the proposal be returned to the school board and the Classroom Teachers Association for further work.

The CTA has proposed that the school district adopt a policy which would allow professional personnel to actively participate in election campaigns.

State Sen. Bob Douglas, who with Mrs. Kilpatrick, board member Paul Gayer, and three CTA representatives makes up the joint committee, said "the Committee felt the proposal needed to be refined and discussed by the school board and the CTA."

At the July 13 school board meeting, members of the CTA asked for an adoption of the policy in order to allow professional personnel to participate in campaigns prior to the Aug. 25 Arkansas primaries. The board then recommended that the CTA go through proper channels — CTA committees, then the joint committee — before the item be placed on the agenda.

Tuesday night the board decided that the CTA should work on the proposal in the form of an amendment to the Professional Communication Agreement.

In other action, the board opened bids for construction of the district's new athletic stadium, accepting no bid, but taking the bids under advisement.

The apparent low bidder for the stadium job was Woodard Construction Co., which bid $627,000 on a 6,000 seat stadium and $693,400 for an 8,000-seat stadium. School Board Architect John Moore of Moore and Thomas, said the bid was "higher than we had anticipated —about $160,000 higher —on the 8,000-seat bid."

A motion by Sen. Douglas, approved by the board, grants Moore and Thomas "an opportunity to investigate bids to determine if there is any place we could cut down on the costs." According to school officials the board will call a special meeting to award the contract.

Other bids received for the stadium were: Dixie Builders, Inc., $537,315 for the 6,000-seat facility with $596,883 for the 8,000-seat stadium; Richardson Construction Co. bids were $566,800 and $631,700; and Transark Contractors bids were $613,986 and $683,698.

In an hour-long executive session, the school board accepted the resignation of three teachers and hired 11 others.

Other action saw the board accept a bid of $3,680 by Artes Electric for electrical work at central school which includes installing a three-phase system rather than the one-phase system now in use. School officials say the current system is overloaded.

# Our World This Morning

## INTERNATIONAL

### Cambodians Flee From Reds

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Reinforced enemy troops smashed through government positions on Kiri Rom Plateau and sent half the Cambodian defenders reeling down the slopes, military officials said Tuesday.

The setback at Kiri Rom, a 3,000-foot resort 50 miles west of Phnom Penh, was regarded as the worst government setback in the war. It has been turned into Cambodia's bloodiest battlefield in the enemy strategy to upset Cambodian morale by chopping up government forces. Supported by 122 mm mortars and other heavy weapons, the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong infantry attacked early Monday morning.

Preliminary reports said one Cambodian soldier was killed and 20 wounded, but the toll was expected to rise as the government units regrouped. Enemy losses were unknown.

## NATIONAL

### Rabid Dog Contacts Sought

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Army officials said Tuesday attempts were underway to locate any of about 500 soldiers who may have come in contact with a rabid dog while processing out of Vietnam earlier this month.

Four of the soldiers involved are Arkansans.

The men involved are those assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry Division who were being processed out of Vietnam at Bien Hoa between July 10 and July 21.

Officials said about 500 men were processed through the Bien Hoa installation during that period and that they were to return to the United States either for reassignment or discharge.

There was a rabid dog in the area during this time, Army officials said, and some of the men may have come in contact with it. The animal died July 21.

## WEATHER

### Continued Warm

TEXARKANA WEATHER — Yesterday's weather: high, 91; low, 73. Rainfall, .50, period ending 9 p.m.

SW ARKANSAS — Partly cloudy and continued warm. High, mid 90's; low, mid 70's.

SE OKLAHOMA — Clear to partly cloudy and warm with chance of showers. High, upper 80's; low, mid 70's.

NE TEXAS — Warm and cloudy with slight chance of morning and evening showers. High, lower 90's; low, upper 60's.

NW LOUISIANA — Chance of showers and thundershowers. High, upper 80's; low, lower 70's.

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# City Zoning Plan Draws Opposition

By LINDA RHODES
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More than 300 Texarkana, Tex., property owners voiced objections Tuesday night to a proposed city-wide zoning ordinance.

Requests made at the public hearing, held jointly by the planning and zoning commission and city council, were recorded on tape and will be considered by planning and zoning commission members before their final recommendations is made to the city council.

The request more frequently made by property owners was for commercial zoning on Summerhill Road from New Boston Road to U.S. Interstate 30. The proposed plan, submitted by Marvin Springer and Associates Urban Planning Consultants of Dallas — designates most of the area as single family dwelling.

Local attorney Kirk Patton told commission members the "only possible economic use" for the Summerhill Road area "is for commercial purposes."

Patton said Summerhill Road will be a four-lane highway when it is completed in December and will eventually be rededicated as U.S. 59 by the state highway department.

"That highway will carry more traffic than any other street in Texarkana," Patton said.

Patton criticized the proposed plan as being almost identical to the existing plan.

He said he compared the proposed zoning map to the existing map and "I see that it corresponds closely — with the exception of additional zoning classifications — to the present zoning map."

He requested the entire Summerhill Road area from New Boston Road to U.S. 30, with the exception of the Western Hills Addition developed for residential, be designated commercial.

Property owner Al Hussman similarly criticized the proposed zoning plan and asked that a "restudy be made."

"I don't think there is any question," added I.N. Williams, former court of civil appeals judge, "but that we are entitled to Summerhill Road... to be classified as commerical property."

The present zoning ordinance includes seven classifications. Springer's proposed plan includes 17 classifications including agricultural; three single family dwelling designations; two two-family dwelling designations; two multiple-family dwelling designations; parking, office; neighborhood service; general retail; central business, commercial; two industrial designations, and planned development. It also indicates flood planned areas.

"Our principle objective," said Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Bob Mounts, "is to update our zoning ordinance and bring it more in line with what is going on today" and "promote the growth of Texarkana."

Mounts said the planning commission will accept additional requests concerning the proposed zoning plan sent to the commission at city hall and received by Monday morning.

FOURTH IN A SERIES

# New Services Expected for Alcoholics

Editors Note: Alcoholism is a problem that has reached alarming proportions in the United States and Texarkana is certainly not exempt from the problem. Gazette reporter Ira Taylor examines various aspects of the problem, treatment of the disease and shows what is being done to combat it here in this five part series.

By IRA TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Although Alcoholics Anonymous has been successful in working with alcoholics, members of the A.A. chapter here recognize the need for more services and treatment than A.A. can offer—services like those the Texarkana Council on Alcoholism may someday be able to offer.

The Texarkana Council, currently struggling through the organization process, has its name, a charter and some interested persons working for it but as of yet the Council has no funds to operate.

"We are hoping to get the support of the community in this project because we feel that the council can deal effectively with alcoholism in Texarkana and the immediate area," Mrs. Mary Lynn Rape, consultant with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission and one of the organizers of the council stated.

The Texas Commission on Alcoholism has been involved in helping organize the local council. Mrs. Rape said the Commission will also come to Texarkana to work with any industry interested in establishing a policy of rehabilitation for problem drinkers or alcoholics.

The Texarkana Council is an affiliate of the Texas Commission on Alcoholism. One of its primary projects will be to show the need for local medical facilities to treat alcoholics. "We definitely need treatment facilities here. We need a halfway house or a place for these people to stay in supervised living conditions until an adjustment can be made," Mrs. Rape said.

Other services the council intends to offer will include a speakers bureau to address churches, schools, civic clubs, etc., consultation with family, friends and employers of alcoholics, and an emergency referral number for emergency treatment situations.

The council will also work with industries in the area to establish a policy of working with alcoholics and keeping them on the job rather than firing these employees, Mrs. Rape said. Red River Army Depot now has such a program.

Mrs. Rape said education would also be a large part of the council's 'responsibility' to the area it serves. "We want to work with the schools and provide literature about alcoholism and do all we can in the way of preventive treatment."

The council has not taken a stand against alcohol and doesn't intend to, Mrs. Rape said. "We don't want to try and tell people not to drink, this is a matter of choice for most people. But for the alcoholic there is no choice. This is the person we want to help.

Treatment the council will provide will be in the way of referral to doctors, clinics, hospitals, A.A. and other appropriate organizations. We will try to help with any problem concerning alcoholism or the alcoholic," Mrs. Rape said.

New ideas in treatment that is currently being used in Texarkana by the mental health center include psycho drama. "This is designed to develop greater self-awareness and understanding of self through role playing," a spokesman for the mental health center here said.

"In effect the group involved in the psycho drama acts as a mini-society and allows feedback for the individual for the purpose of behavior modification."

Although the council has no funds at this time, grants could be made available on a matching basis with local money. "If we can raise $3,000 locally the state will match it and there may be additional funds available," Mrs. Rape noted.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's National Institute of Mental Health announced recently that grants are available for alcoholism treatment and

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